

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of the claims in the application. Claims 1-19, 21-41, and 43-62 are pending in this application with claims 1, 10, 19, 22, 26, 31, 32 and 43 being the independent claims. Currently amended claims are shown with additions underlined and deletions in ~~strike through~~ text. No new matter is added by these amendments.

1. (Currently Amended) A hand-held electronic toy, comprising:

a display; and

a toolbar on said display, the toolbar having a fixed appearance, said toolbar including a plurality of interactive tools, a first interactive tool from ~~at least one of~~ the plurality of interactive tools enabling the selection of one of a plurality of activities, a second interactive tool from ~~at least another one of~~ the plurality of interactive tools enabling the selection of one of a plurality of characteristics associated with said second interactive tool from ~~at least another one of~~ the plurality of interactive tools, said plurality of characteristics configured to vary based on the selection of said one of said plurality of activities.

2. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 1, further comprising a memory for storing code associated with at least one of the plurality of activities.

3. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 2, wherein said memory includes a removable read only memory cartridge.

4. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 1, further comprising a communication device configured to receive data from a second source.

5. (Original) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 4, wherein said second source includes a read only memory cartridge.

6. (Original) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 4, wherein said second source includes an Internet site.

7. (Original) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 4, wherein said second source includes a second hand-held electronic toy.

8. (Original) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 1, further comprising a stylus that enables a user to interact with said display.

9. (Original) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 8, wherein said stylus allows the user to select said interactive tools and said activities displayed on said display.

10. (Currently Amended) A hand-held electronic toy configured to selectively display one of a first activity and a second activity, the first activity including a drawing activity, the hand-held electronic toy, comprising:

a display;

a toolbar on said display, the toolbar having a fixed appearance, said toolbar having a plurality of selectable icons; and

a plurality of interactive tools, at least one of said plurality of interactive tools having a first predetermined characteristic and a second predetermined characteristic, each of said plurality of interactive tools being associated with a selectable icon from the plurality of unique one-of-said-selectable icons, the first predetermined characteristic of the at least one interactive tool being available associated with when the drawing activity is activated and not available when the second activity is activated, and the second predetermined characteristic of the at least one interactive tool being available when associated with the second activity is activated and not available when the drawing first activity is activated.

11. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 10, further comprising a memory for storing code associated with at least one of the first activity and the second activity.

12. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 11, wherein said memory includes a removable read only memory cartridge.

13. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 10, further comprising a communication device configured to receive data from a second source.

14. (Original) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 13, wherein said second source includes a read only memory cartridge.

15. (Original) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 13, wherein said second source includes an Internet site.

16. (Original) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 13, wherein said second source includes a second hand-held electronic toy.

17. (Original) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 10, further comprising a stylus that enables a user to interact with said display.

18. (Original) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 17, wherein said stylus allows the user to select said interactive tools and said activities displayed on said display.

19. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

receiving a selection of one activity from a plurality of activities for display on a display of a hand-held electronic toy, the plurality of activities including at least one drawing activity;

receiving a selection of an interactive tool, the interactive tool being associated with a selectable icon in a toolbar, the selected interactive tool including at least one selectable ~~characteristic~~ ~~plurality of characteristics~~, the selected interactive tool being one of available or unavailable based on the selected one activity from ~~the~~ a plurality of activities;

determining a state of availability for the selected interactive tool; and

if the state of the interactive tool is available, displaying indicia of the at least one a characteristic associated with the selected interactive tool, the at least one characteristic~~plurality of characteristics~~ of the selected interactive tool including a drawing characteristic unique to the selected one of a plurality of activities.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, the plurality of activities including a first activity and a second activity, the first activity being a drawing activity, the displaying indicia further comprising:

displaying a first indicia associated with the drawing activity; and

displaying a second indicia associated with the second activity, the first indicia being different than the second indicia.

22. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:

retrieving a first activity application from a memory for display on a hand-held electronic toy, the first activity being a drawing activity application;

determining a first characteristic of a selected interactive tool associated with an icon on a toolbar disposed on the hand-held electronic toy, the first characteristic being configured to interact with the retrieved drawing activity application;

after the determining the first characteristic, retrieving a second activity application from a memory for display on the hand-held electronic toy; and

determining a second characteristic of the selected interactive tool associated with the icon on the toolbar disposed on the hand-held electronic toy, the second characteristic being configured to interact with the retrieved second activity application, and not the first activity application.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein said determining the first characteristic includes determining a state of availability for the interactive tool.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein said determining the first characteristic includes determining contents of a second menu of tool options that is associated with the interactive tool.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein said retrieving a first activity includes retrieving the activity application from a removable read only memory cartridge.

26. (Previously Presented) A method in a hand-held electronic toy, comprising:

displaying a first selectable item on the hand-held electronic toy, said first selectable item including a plurality of drawing activities capable of being displayed on the hand-held electronic toy;

displaying a second selectable item on the hand-held electronic toy, said second selectable item being associated with an interactive tool on a toolbar, said interactive tool having at least one characteristic in a first state; and

upon receipt of a selection of a drawing activity from said plurality of drawing activities of said first selectable item on the hand-held electronic toy, determining whether to modify said at least one characteristic of said interactive tool from said first state associated with the first selectable item to a second different state associated with the selection of said first selectable item.

27. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein said characteristic is an availability of said interactive tool.

28. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein said characteristic is a menu of contents of said interactive tool.

29. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 1, wherein the first set of interactive tools includes different interactive tools than the second set of interactive tools.

30. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 1, wherein the first set of interactive tools includes the same interactive tools as the second set of interactive tools.

31. (Currently Amended) A hand-held electronic toy, comprising:

a first read-only memory, the first read-only memory including code associated with a first drawing activity;

a toolbar having a plurality of interactive tools, the toolbar having a fixed appearance, at least one of the plurality of interactive tools having a first characteristic and a second characteristic, the first characteristic being configured for use ~~associated~~ with the first drawing activity; and

a port configured to receive a second read-only memory, the second read-only memory including code associated with a second drawing activity and having data associated with the at least one of a plurality of interactive tools, the second characteristic being configured for use ~~associated~~ with the second drawing activity and not the first drawing activity.

32. (Previously Presented) A hand-held electronic toy, comprising:

a touch-screen display; and

a toolbar on the touch-screen display, the toolbar having a fixed appearance, the toolbar including a plurality of selectable icons, each of the plurality of selectable icons associated with at least one drawing tool, each of the plurality of selectable icons being one of activated and inactivated based on an activity selected from a plurality of selectable activities.

33. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 32, wherein the at least one drawing tool includes a straight line tool, the straight line tool configured to allow a user to render lines on the touch-screen display using a drawing stylus at a user-selectable line thickness.

34. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 33, wherein the hand-held electronic toy is configured to display a pop-up menu on the touch-screen display, the pop-up menu including a graphical representation of a plurality of line thickness to the user.

35. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 32, wherein the at least one drawing tool includes a primary shapes tool, the primary shapes tool associated with a plurality of secondary shapes tools, the primary shapes tool configured to allow a user to select one of the plurality of secondary shapes tools, each of the plurality of secondary shapes tools configured to allow a user to render a corresponding one of a plurality of predetermined shapes on the touch-screen display using a drawing stylus.

36. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 35, wherein the hand-held electronic toy is configured to display a pop-up menu on the touch-screen display, the pop-up menu including a graphical representation of the plurality of secondary shapes tools to the user.

37. (Previously Presented) The handheld electronic toy of claim 35, wherein the plurality of secondary shapes tools include:

- a square drawing tool;

- a circle drawing tool; and

- a triangle drawing tool, each of the square drawing tool, the circle drawing tool, and the triangle drawing tool configured to render the corresponding one of the predetermined shapes on the touch-screen display in outline form.

38. (Previously Presented) The handheld electronic toy of claim 35, wherein the plurality of secondary shapes tools includes a polygon tool, the polygon tool configured to render the corresponding one of the predetermined shapes on the touch-screen display by connecting a plurality of predetermined points with a plurality of straight lines.

39. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 32, wherein the at least one drawing tool includes a primary special effects tool, the primary special effects tool associated with a plurality of secondary special effects tools, the plurality of secondary special effects tools configured to alter an image rendered on the touch-screen display.

40. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 39, wherein the hand-held electronic toy is configured to display a pop-up menu on the touch-screen display, the pop-up menu including a graphical representation of a plurality of secondary special effects tools to the user.

41. (Previously Presented) The handheld electronic toy of claim 39, wherein the plurality of secondary special effects tools include:

a reverse-out tool, the reverse out tool configured to change selected pixels to the opposite ON/OFF state;

a rotate 90 degrees tool, the rotate 90 degrees tool configured to rotate the image by 90 degrees; and

a mirror tool, the mirror tool configured to mirror the image across one of the x and y axis of the touch-screen display.

42. (Canceled)

43. (Currently Amended) A device, comprising:

a touch-screen display having a toolbar portion and a modifiable portion, said toolbar portion having a fixed appearance, said modifiable portion having a modifiable appearance and configured to display images based on interaction by a user, said toolbar portion including a plurality of interactive tools, a first interactive tool from at least one of the plurality of interactive tools enabling the selection of one of a plurality of activities, a second interactive tool from at least another one of the plurality of interactive tools enabling the selection of one of a plurality of characteristics associated with said second interactive tool from at least another one of the plurality of interactive tools, said plurality of characteristics configured to vary based on the selection of said one of said plurality of activities.

44. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 43, further comprising a stylus configured to interact with said touch-screen display.

45. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 43, further comprising a port configured to receive a cartridge having a read-only memory, the read-only memory of the cartridge including code associated with at least one activity different than the plurality of activities.

46. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 43, further comprising a port configured to receive a cartridge having a read-only memory, at least one of the plurality of interactive tools enabling the selection of one of a plurality of activities associated with the read-only memory of the cartridge.

47. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 43, wherein the toolbar is a printed toolbar.

48. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 43, wherein the modifiable portion of the touch-screen display is configured to be modified by a user.

49. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 43, wherein the plurality of interactive tools includes an erase tool, the erase tool configured to erase an image on the modifiable portion of the touch-screen display.

50. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 43, wherein the plurality of interactive tools includes an erase tool, the erase tool configured to erase at least a portion of an image on the modifiable portion of the touch-screen display.

51. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 43, wherein at least one of the plurality of activities includes a drawing activity.

52. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 1, wherein the toolbar is a printed toolbar.

53. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 10, wherein the toolbar is a printed toolbar.

54. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the toolbar is a printed toolbar.
55. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the toolbar is a printed toolbar.
56. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein the toolbar is a printed toolbar.
57. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 31, wherein the toolbar is a printed toolbar.
58. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 31, further comprising a modifiable display portion having a modifiable appearance and configured to display an image.
59. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 31, further comprising a display portion configured to be modified by a user.
60. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 31, further comprising a modifiable display portion having a modifiable appearance and configured to display an image, wherein the plurality of interactive tools includes an erase tool, the erase tool configured to erase an image on the modifiable display portion.
61. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 31, further comprising a modifiable display portion having a modifiable appearance and configured to display an image, wherein the plurality of interactive tools includes an erase tool, the erase tool configured to erase at least a portion of an image on the modifiable display portion.
62. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 32, wherein the toolbar is a printed toolbar.